



SPECIALTY AND OPTIONAL SCOPE PROGRAM APPROVAL POLICY

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for providers that currently have, or request to start an ALS or BLS specialty or optional scope of practice program.

AUTHORITY

Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Sections 100144, 100145, 100147
CA Health and Safety Code Division 2.5 section 1797.214, 1797.220, 1797.196
EMT-I Regulations 100063.1

DEFINITIONS

Specialty Program: Any program that may require approval from the Medical or Executive Director to function due to any variance from standard ICEMA protocols either in equipment or procedures.

Optional Scope Program: Any EMT-I program that may require approval from the Medical or Executive Director to function outside of the basic scope of practice that is not initiated region-wide.

POLICY

1. All providers interested in providing ALS Specialty or EMT-I Optional Scope Programs shall submit an application which will undergo a review process to determine eligibility.
2. All Specialty and Optional Scope programs must be reapproved every two (2) years.

PROCEDURE FOR SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

1. Submit an original application.
2. Submit a copy of the proposed program which shall include:
 - a. A statement demonstrating a need for the program.

- b. A description of the geographic area within which the specialty program will be utilized.
- c. A detailed description of the operation of the program (i.e. special events, 24/7) and how the program will be implemented.
- d. A description of how the program will interface with the EMS system and 9-1-1.
- e. A detailed description of the training program.
- f. A detailed list of employees participating in this program. If there are changes in employees ICEMA must be notified within 10 days.
- g. Any deviations from the Standard Drug and Equipment List. Submit a detailed description of the deviation, how equipment and drugs will be stored and/or transported and a program for maintenance of the equipment.
- h. Provide a quality improvement plan and process for reporting any deviations.

PROCEDURE FOR OPTIONAL SCOPE PROGRAMS

- 1. Submit an original application.
- 2. Submit a copy of the proposed program which shall include:
 - a. A statement demonstrating a need for the program.
 - b. A description of the geographic area within which the optional skill will be utilized.
 - c. A detailed description of the operation of the program and how it will be implemented.
 - d. A description of how the program will interface with the EMS system and 9-1-1.
 - e. A detailed description of the training program including provisions for written test and demonstration of skills competency for optional scope.
 - f. A detailed list of employees participating in program. If there are changes in employees, ICEMA must be notified within 10 days.

- g. Provide a quality improvement plan and processes for reporting any deviations.